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## ACQUIRING RELAY

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Who doesn't absolutely love Christmas, besides the ACLU? It's that time of year when everything becomes totally awesome! Everyone has their own personal traditions associated with it, and the Baby Jesus is born, and all the gifts and charitibility, and the Christmas cheer and egg nog and Santa Claus and Charlie Brown TV specials and a list that never ends of great tidings.

2015 hasn't been such a great year, so we owe it to ourselves to stop a moment, enjoy the goodness of life, and enjoy the greatest gift of all: God's love for us such that we are animated with life itself. What a blessing to share in the perception of this universe! So on with the festivities!

It's been a long wait, but LibertORian 12 will explore the true history of the evil twin of Christmas, the anti-Christmas: Kwanzaa. I don't care if you prefer to miss out on Christmas and instead celebrate this racist holiday. It's your loss. But I do wish to rain on your parade with the truth behind Kwanzaa. It's actually on my Christmas list. No, really!

Imagine that this issue is a sleigh as we're filling it with GIFT ideas for you who wait until the last minute to shop. I'd rather get it all done early and not rush around missing the Christmas anticipation. But I'm a libertarian, so you do it the way you want. Our staff picked what we consider the coolest stuff.

So, what do you want for Christmas? Let us know! Send emails to:

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When LibertORian returns with Issue 13, there will be a lot to cover, as everything is moving so quickly. It is the kind of thing that the Fabian Society, inspiration for George Orwell's *1984* aspired to: heat the Earth up and re-mold it into the shape they desire. For your Christmas homework, I want you to do some research and discover on your own why Orwell chose the year 1984 for his novel. First to know can email me.

Back on topic: ISIS attacked Paris, A confrontation at a Colorado Chase Bank ended at a Planned Parenthood, and colleges are becoming victims of their own PC nonsense. To quote Billy Joel, "We didn't start the fire." Maybe not, but there's been a lot of fanning the flames!

You can't have Christmas without the Grinch. The current occupant of the White House pulled another first in American history: he ordered the Pentagon to ban all Christmas cards to our soldiers overseas. And the reason: because it might offend Muslims. My answer: WHO CARES IF THEY GET OFFENDED? That's their problem! Because of your catering to Muslims, which you say you're not, you always oppress Christians, which you claim you are! I don't know what you are, other than a liar! Those cards are often the one bit of Christmas cheer those who already sacrifice to defend our freedom receive. Now you take that away from them. Icing on the cake after all you've done to them. You suck!

It's not even free speech or freedom of religion. It's just basic "keep the grubby government off of us and let us live. And when it comes to government, Obama's is the grubbiest ever! Merry Christmas! ((L))

What's so great about this page? It is someone's personal Pastebin page, but he or she acquired copies of LibertORian magazine and posted a mirror of all the .txt editions on the page, among other things. The best site on clearnet!

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 there's a problem with the internet,
 you can still watch it. When you
 insert a DVD into your player, your
 ISP or streaming service is not tak-
 ing notes. You don't have to worry
 about multiple streaming subscrip-
 tions because the one you use does
 not carry your favorite TV series.

Here's a list of our favorite DVD
 ideas. Feel free to be inspired or
 disregard any of them:

MOVIES:

2001: A Space Odyssey (1968)

A thought-provoking trip into man-
 kind's future. Many movie goers
 actually took LSD to view the final
 scene. This counterculture appeal
 led to the slogan, "Take the Ulti-
 mate Trip" to be used on MGM's
 later movie posters.

Mad Max (2015)

A worthy remake of the Mel Gibson
 classic. No better way to cele-
 brate Jesus' birth than with post-
 apocalyptic warfare.

The Notebook

One of the greatest romantic movies
 of all-time!

Captain America: The Winter Soldier
 (2014)

This movie must be the topic of a
 future issue of LiberTORian. Cap-
 tain America 2 addresses issues of
 4th Amendment rights, and allegoric-
 ally examines real-life current iss-
 ues such as NSA spying, sacrificing
 of liberty for security, and govern-
 ment denying freedom and the right
 to life in the name of utopian dream
 gone awry. It champions American
 values of freedom and equal justice
 without being jingoistic. Buy it as
 a gift, open it up, enjoy it your-
 self first, then re-wrap it and give
 it to a loved one.

MORE MOVIES THAT MAKE GREAT GIFTS

- The Wedding Singer
- Men In Black
- Casablanca
- The Wizard of Oz
- The Rocky Horror Picture Show
(but it doesn't beat the movie
theater experience)
- The Naked Gun Trilogy
- Must Love Dogs
- The Blind Side
- The Shawshank Redemption
- Pursuit of Happyness
- Forrest Gump
- Blade Runner
- Wreck-It Ralph
- Godzilla (2014)
- Big / 13 Going On 30
- Who Framed Roger Rabbit?
- The Goonies

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 ///\ \ movies on the small screen,
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 o | | o thing actually made for it.
 / _ \ There are so many great TV
 series. And so many terri-
 ble ones, too. We'll name a bunch of
 good ones.

TELEVISION SIT COMS:

1) Seinfeld

In retrospect, the show's not as funny as it was back then, because there's been so much humor built on it that the novelty's over. But for those who grew up with it, it's just as memorable, as we've come to identify with the characters and situations we've come to love. Nine seasons are available.

2) The Honeymooners

Still Arguably the best situation comedy of all time. The only possible exception is:

3) I Love Lucy

The humor in these two shows are timeless.

4) Leave It To Beaver

A stark contrast from today's social conventions, but the lessons learned seem to apply to all generations. I love the episode where Beaver gets his head stuck in the fence.

5) Gilligan's Island

Nonsensical fun! The cast knew how absurd their series was when they read Sherwood Schwartz's scripts. Actually, as an allegory, each of the seven castaways represents one of each of the seven deadly sins:

- o Gilligan: Sloth
- o Skipper: Greed

- o Mr. Howell: Greed
- o Mrs. Howell: Anger
- o Ginger: Lust
- o Professor: Pride
- o Mary Ann: Jealousy

If you have no idea who any of the above people are, put this DVD set on your Christmas list!

6) The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

Such a funny show. i could watch Jazzy get kicked out of the house over and over again! Such a talent Will Smith is in his first foray from music to acting, other than in his music videos, of course.

7) M*A*S*H

One of our Dear Readers suggested this and #8 to us, and I'm ashamed to overlook these. M*A*S*H seems like a sitcom, but it's touching, dramatic, horrifying and heartwarming as much as it's funny. M*A*S*H puts a face on soldiers and lets the viewers of this popular show understand the reality and cost of war.

8) All In The Family

This show had a liberal, sometimes statist slant, but it always taught lessons without telling us *how* to think. It encouraged discussion of relevant topics, and helped us to laugh at the ridiculousness of stereotyping. Like M*A*S*H, this popular series was hysterically funny and dramatically serious all at once, a hard line to balance.

OTHER COMEDIES readers suggest:

- o The King of Queens
- o My Favorite Martian
- o The Odd Couple (2014)
- o The Goldbergs (2012)
- o Night Court
- o Cheers
- o Bob Newhart Show
- o The Cosby Show
- o The Simpsons
- o Chuck

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Who needs all the bells and whistles? Actually, retro video games HAVE those, but they are like the Tor of the video game world: just str8 up simplistic fun! Who did not like blasting Space Invaders, being a *Defender* against invading landers turning our human into mutants, blow apart a Centipede or eat monsters with your Pac-Man? There are several ways to play classic video games:

1) Plug & Play systems. Pharmacies, department stores and electronics boutiques carry retro video game console emulators pre-loaded with tons of classic titles. Some that we recommend are:

- o Atari Flashback 6
- o Sega Genesis 2
- o ColectoVision
- o Intellivision
- o Game Gear hand-held

The Game Gear title is notable because it has an SD slot. A person can actually download Sega Genesis ROMs from the internet, transfer the ROMs to SD card media, and play the games directly. Theoretically, you can have hundreds of games on a card and play all the titles you enjoyed as a tot.

2)Emulators. The aforementioned ROM files are exact copies of classic video game cartridges. To play the classic games, you need two components: the ROM and an emulator. A ROM is the game, the emulator is a program that behaves like a system, and can interpret the ROM.

You can find emulators throughout the clearnet. Here are the names of some systems and the emulator that best mimicks each:

- o Atari: Stella 3
- o Intellivision: Bliss
- o ColecoVision Blue MSX

- o Nintendo NES: NESTopia
- o Sega Genesis, Game Gear, Master System, Sega CD: Fusion
- o Arcade: MAME
- o Super Nintendo: SNES9X
- o TurboGraf-X 16: DPCE

Once you have your desired emulator program, you can now search for ROM files for your favorite games. To give a gift to a fan of the classic games, fill a CD with an emulator and all kinds of ROMs and surprise her on Christmas or Hannukah!

3) Retro Games of Retro Games. A few such titles are on consoles. Playstation 1 has a title called ATARI 80 CLASSICS. The program is an Atari emulator and 80 ROMs. It is also available for Windows PC. You can play these on the platform you prefer. In fact, if you are a Windows user, there is a PlayStati-on emulator called ePSXe. If you acquire the Playstation disc, you can play it on a PC with Windows. not only that, what is more amazing is since each game is included on the CD as an exact copy of an original cartridge, those files can be copied and played on the Stella 3 emulator!

There is a nice Activision collection on Game Boy Advance. And if all those systems are just too new fangled for you, thre's one other option:

4) Buy a classic system!

eBay and Amazon are good starting points, but there are sites like <http://tradengames.com> that sell retro systems and games. Social media has game commerce threads with some really rare finds. Why not re-introduce that hardcore game player with an original NES or an Atari 7800? Even if you can't get the manuals, <http://digitpress.org> and <http://atariage.com> are havens for resources and supplements. If you're in the market for some of these classic games, below is a list to reignite your memory:

Atari 2600

- o Adventure
- o Atlantis (Imagic)
- o Barnstorming (Activision)
- o Berzerk
- o Centipede
- o Cosmic Ark (Imagic)
- o Crazy Climber (hard to find)
- o Demon Attack (Imagic)
- o Empire Strikes Back (Parker Bros)
- o Enduro (Activision)
- o E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial
(actually fun if you have manual)
- o Frogger (Parker Bros)
- o G.I. Joe *
- o Haunted House
- o Jr. Pac-Man
- o KaBoom! (Activision) *
- o Krull
- o Mario Bros.
- o Midnight Magic
- o Moon Patrol
- o Ms Pac-Man
- o Night Driver *
- o Phoenix
- o Pitfall (Activision)
- o Pitfall II: Lost Caverns
(Activision)
- o Raiders of the Lost Ark
- o Snoopy & The Red Baron (really
hard to find)
- o Solaris
- o Space Invaders
- o Super Breakout *
- o Turmoil (20th Century Fox)
- o Vanguard
- o Venture (Coleco)
- o Video Pinball
- o Warlords * (great for 3 or 4
players)
- o Yar's Revenge

* Paddle Controller Required

Atari 7800 (plays 2600 games too)

- o Asteroids
- o Crossbow (must play!)
- o Desert Falcon
- o Dig Dug
- o Ninja Golf (!)
- o Pole Position II
- o Robotron
- o Summer Games (Epyx)
- o Xenophobe
- o Xevious

Nintendo NES

- o 1942
- o Anticipation (fun family game)
- o BattleToads
- o Bionic Commando (I was shocked at
the final boss!)
- o Bomb Jack
- o CastleVania 1 & 3
- o Commando
- o Contra 1 & 2 and Super Contra
- o Double Dragon 1 & 2
- o Double Dribble
- o Dragon Warrior (I never won it)
- o Duck Hunt (usually packaged with
Super Mario Bros 1) *
- o Elevator Action
- o Excite Bike
- o Faxanadu (but I may be the only
one who knows the game)
- o Fester's Quest
- o Gauntlet
- o Goonies 2 (Goonies 1 can be
played on an emulator; don't know
its origin)
- o Gradius
- o Gremlins 2: The New Batch
- o Gyruus
- o Hogan's Alley *
- o Ice Hockey
- o Ikari Warriors
- o Jaws
- o Kid Icarus
- o Kid Niki: Radical Ninja
- o Kung Fu Master
- o Legend of Zelda
- o Metroid
- o Mike Tyson's Punch-Out (I love
Bald Bull)
- o Ninja Gaiden
- o RC Pro Am
- o Romance of the Three Kingdoms (it
wasn't an average Nintendo game
but I got highly addicted)
- o Skate or Die
- o Spy vs Spy
- o Super Mario Brothers 1-3
- o T&C Surf Design (another I was
hooked on)
- o Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- o Tetris (there were 2 Tetrises!
Tengen's was unauthorized.)
- o Who Framed Roger Rabbit?
- o Zelda 2: The Adventure of Link

* Light Gun Controller Required

* TOYS :
 / \ FOR THE GIRLS
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 //.\ \ These gifts are perfect for
 //|\ \ under a girl's Christmas
 ///\O \ tree or Hannukah bush. Just
 o | |o watch the look of joy when
 /_ \ they unwrap these goodies!

SHOPKINS
 By MOOSE TOYS

Every girl in the universe has it on their list. I don't get them but they are HOT! You can find them in 2-pack baskets, 5-pack cards and 12-pack cards. There are 3 seasons of Shopkins so far and no doubt more are coming! If you want to surprise your special girl, go on eBay and get season 1 or 2 figures! Or pay with bitcoin on Silk Road 3!

DISNEY LITTLE MERMAID
 MERMAID SISTERS GIFT SET
 By Mattel

Young girls love these Polly Pocket sized Disney Princess dolls. For the first time, *ALL* of Ariel's sisters are available in one gift set! Includes Ariel, Andrina, Aquata, Atina, Alana, Adella, and Arista. Ariel would have extra sisters, but they ran out of names that begin and end in A. All 7 feature shell bikinis that change color in warm water.

NERF REBELLE DUET
 NERF REBELLE TRUE LEGACY BOW
 By Hasbro

For all those young women who can't wait to join the NRA, the Rebelle series are firearms and other projectile weapons just for her. The Duet's a 2 barrel pistol & the True Legacy Bow is a compound bow. If your girl wants to grow up to be Katniss, this is for her. Each weapon includes jewelery and gems to glam up your Nerf Rebelle guns and bows and make your own.

HELLO KITTY LIQUID MOTION GLOW
 HELLO KITTY GLITTER GLOW
 Sanrio

For the hippie who never grew up, these are official Hello Kitty lava lamps. The Glitter Glow lamp is a gold glitter lava lamp.

HELLO KITTY RESCUE SET
 Sanrio

This deluxe set includes five Hello Kitty figures, an emergency helicopter, an emergency Ambulance, and many accessories. Hello Kitty to the rescue!

LEGO FRIENDS HEARTLAKE AIRPORT
 Lego Group

Lego Friends' Heartlake City is a pastel counterpart to Lego City. The Heartlake Airport includes the airport, and giant white and lavender commercial jet. Set includes three mini-doll figures: Stephanie, Sandra, and David.

LITTLEST PET SHOP PET FEST
 HASBRO

Girls cherish these super-cute tiny bobble-headed animals. The Pet Fest deluxe set includes 16 littlest pets for her to love and care for. Instant collection.

BARBIE SISTERS FUN DAY
 Mattel

Barbie and her sister Skipper look like they're dressed for an 80s music fest. Barbie dons a black and white striped miniskirt, black top and pink vest jacket. Skipper is in leopard skin leggings and a T-shirt emblazoned with the phrase, "#I Love Music" in Frankie Goes to Hollywood font.

2015 HOLIDAY BARBIE
 Mattel

This is a Mattel tradition. this year, Barbie is in a red strapless gown and pendulous silver earrings.

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MONSTER HIGH SLOMAN "SLO-MOE" MORTA-
VICH AND GHOULIA YELPS 2 PACK

Nothing is as romantic as zombie love! Slo-Moe is in Monster High's chess club and Ghoulia is well-established in the series. Fans of Monster High have known Slo-Moe from the series' early days in 2010, and he was never released as a toy until now, although a plan to rotate him in a "Ghoul Spirit" wave was canned. If you know a Monster High fan but are confused by it all, just get her this. She'll be inexplicably happy!

MONSTER HIGH DEADLUXE HIGH SCHOOL
Mattel

For the Monster High fan that has everything, but where to put it?

ALEX SPA SKETCH & SPARKLE TATTOO
PENS
Alex

Girls can freestyle their own tattoo designs on their body with the special set of non-toxic, skin-safe body pens. Stencils and gems to glam up the look are included.

THE LEGO MOVIE WYLDSTYLE CLOCK
PlaSMmart

now children can wake up to The Lego Movie's sassy and daring Master Builder. The clock is a large 8" Wyldstyle minifigure with a digital display and alarm. A LiberTORian article on the Lego Movie is in this issue; be sure to read it.

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE BERRY BEST
ADVENTURE COLLECTION
Hasbro

Originally by the American Greetings Company, Strawberry Shortcake is back for a new generation of girls to love! This deluxe 5-pack comes with Strawberry Shortcake and some of her best-loved friends from the 1980s: Orange Blossom, Raspberry tart, Lemon Merange, and Cherry Jam (a newer addition). And they are scented, like the originals!

* TOYS :
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them!

STAR WARS EPIC BATTLES MICRO MACHINES
Hasbro

This Toys R Us Exclusive features 48 Micro Machines vehicles and figures. Also included is a play mat so kids can engage in their own galactic dog-fights and battles!

#STICKBOT STUDIO
Zing Toys

#StickBot Studio is a pair of laid back translucent stick figures with sucker pad limbs, and a tripod for your cell phone camera. Kids create their own animations and upload to YouTube where they are tracked. You Create! You Animate! You SHARE!

PLAMOBIL CITY ACTION POLICE STATION
Plamobil

The Plymobil Police Station is a 2-story headquarters that comes with a crook, 3 cops, and over 250 pieces. Plamobil always were famous for overloading their packages with goodies! Kids can pretend that the perp is a wrongly accused Edward Snowden and help him escape from the well-meaning but misguided police, only knowing what the feds told them.

THE LEGO MOVIE EMMET LED LIGHT
PlaSmart

This oversized Lego Minifigure is the perfect size for a child's hands, and when you press his chest, the LED lights in his legs light up. Be advised: these lights are bright! It's a great gift for preppers, although his fellow preppers may laugh him off when he's using one under Marshall law and everyone else has regular lights!

LEGO STAR WARS MTT
Lego Group

This huge model is built from over 900 Lego pieces! It is one of the Trade Federation's most rugged land vehicles, and it comes with 7 Battle Droids, Obi-Wan, Qui-Gon, a Naboo Guard, a Droid, a STAP, and lots of hidden surprises! This one will be out of production very shortly, so act quickly or you'll pay triple the price on eBay in a few months!

PERPLEXUS EPIC
Spin Master

This 12" clear globe is actually a giant 360° marble maze. By working both with and against gravity, you must navigate the ball through 125 obstacles of increasing difficulty. Can you complete the Perplexus?

POWER RANGERS DINO CHARGE: DINO ZORD
MEGA PACK
Bandai

This Toys R Us Exclusive features six multi-colored Dino Zords who combine into a Mega Zord. This set is special because it has chrome gold parts and glow in the dark chargers.

GIANT SIZE GODZILLA
Jakks Pacific

He's the king of the monsters. And he's over 3 feet tall! The ultimate Godzilla is fully articulated and features a swinging tail. Bandai released one in the 1970s. If your guy is all grown up, go find it on eBay and he'll be yours for life! If he's just a kid, this one will make his year!

TRANSFORMERS GENERATIONS COMBINER
WARS OPTIMUS PRIME
Hasbro

Reminiscent of 1986 Ultra Magnus. There's nothing else to say; Prime is a libertarian role model for 30+ years. "Freedom is the right of all sentient beings", is his motto.

MINECRAFT PERIODIC TABLE
Mattel

Not since the Pet Rock has something so useless been so in demand (well, except anything Cards Against Humanity). It's a bunch of Minecraft blocks; one for each mineral in the game. But give the kids some Minecraft figurines, also by Mattel, and they'll be lost for hours in their world.

WWE RAW EDITION AUTHENTIC SCALE RING
Mattel

Recreate epic matches with this 40+ piece set, designed for 6 inch figures. This 22 inch square ring includes rubber turnbuckles and a real fabric skirt. It also stores 50 of your wrestling figures.

HEXBUG BATTLE SPIDER

Innovations First

This 2-Hexbug Spider set is perfect for father-and-son play. Build your fortress. Activate your remote control Hexbug Spider. Battle with lasers and strike down the opposing spider!

LEGO CITY POLICE STATION
Lego Group

Lego City is mostly now just cops and robbers. There always has to be a villain nowadays... but Lego sure has evolved! If you miss this, do not fret. Lego releases a new one every few years.

CLASSIC ARMY MEN

Various companies including ToySmith

Simply a timeless toy. No further explanation is needed.

Boys are easily pleased. Give them Star Wars figures, Transformers, G.I. Joe, Marvel figures, real hero figures (actual military men that are G.I. Joe sized), and they'll be happy.

There's more to come. Read on, spirit. Read on.

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The First Annual Totally Awesome LIBERTORIAN Gift Giving And Getting Guide  
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JOE NAME IT
Gamewright

Joe Name It is a pocket-sized fast paced party game. Roll the die, draw a card, and fill in the blank with the number rolled. Be the 1st to answer the question, like "name a music group with [blank] members". If you roll a 4, be the first to say "Beatles", for instance. Everyone plays with an invisible "Joe" who gets wrong answers and can even win the game! For 12+

SETTLERS OF CATAN
Mayfair Games

build settlements and develop societies in this euro-inspired game from Mayfair Games. This is destined to be a classic of tomorrow.

STRATEGO ORIGINAL
Patch

Stratego has returned and it's just like the original, with minor changes. The spy is now a woman, for instance (at first I thought she was a new character: The telephone operator). There is a new character who adds a twist: The infiltrator. You can play with the infiltrator, or play classic Stratego, exactly like the original from the 1960s.

PANDEMIC
Z-Man Games

Tired of scheming against each other and all the malice? Pandemic is a cooperative game, where everyone works together and wins or loses as a team. Players are a team of medical experts trying to contain outbreaks of diseases. Can you save the world as a team?

MUNCHKIN
Steve Jackson Games

Steve Jackson was mentioned in issue 9 of LibERTORian. He's best known for this game, a spoof of RPG gaming itself. Knock down the door, fight monsters, get to level 10 first! It is all about advancing levels above all else. Whimsical and fun, for 3 to 6 players.

MAGIC 8 BALL
Mattel

You know what this is. up to 20 responses to your baffling questions. It was invented in 1950!

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LEGO BIG BANG THEORY
LEGO GROUP

Recreate Leonard & Sheldon's apartment with much of their toys in this Lego set. Includes Leonard, Sheldon, Penny, Amy, Howard, Raj and Bernadette.

LEGO BIRDS
LEGO GROUP

If that wasn't nerdy enough, Lego has a set of birds which definitely look graceful and smooth despite the "brickiness" of the Lego brick. Build three birds and place them on stands with plaques showing their scientific names. Instructions also includes information about the species.

R.E.V.: ROBOTIC ENHANCED VEHICLES
WowWee

What could be cooler than a pair of streamlined bluetooth sports cars equipped with lasers? How about

pitting them in a battle against each other? The R.E.V. Battle Pack includes two smart vehicles: one black and one white, and you can play two ways, person vs person, or person vs. CPU! TOTALLY AWESOME!

RE-ACTION FIGURES

Re-Action

These 3 1/4 inch action figures are so retro, they are barely articulated; they move their heads, legs, and arms, and that's about it. They are so much like vintage Star Wars figures, it doesn't matter! Even the packaging is retro-cool! Re-action figures exist for such movie franchises as Jaws, The Fifth Element, Predator, Firefly, Scarface, Taxi Driver, and many other cult faves! Collect them all!

DISNEY STAR WARS STAR DESTROYER

BLUETOOTH SPEAKER

iHome

Repel girls from your home and enjoy the solitude by playing all your favorite tunes through the speaker of a STAR DESTROYER. Put on the Imperial Theme from Star Wars, then amp it up to 11! You just ROCK! Also available in Millennium Falcon, for you rebel scum.

SUPER SPIROGRAPH 50TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

Kahootz

Yeah, yeah. The packaging says, "Ages 8 and up", but you know it's for us adults who enjoyed it ourselves. You really learn math and geometry doing this, just don't let the kids know they're learning. It is total fun making geometric designs. The pens are even better, as they are GEL pens instead of unreliable ball points. Also, the set uses putty to hold the rings in place, so you don't poke holes in your paper like you did with old-fashioned Spirographs. The only drawback is that there are only 3 pens; the set from the 1970s had four. So go to your local craft

shop and pick up an orange gel pen.

SEA MONKEYS

Sea Monkeys

They're actually just brine shrimp and they occur in nature, not made in a lab. Their advertisements graced comic book pages in the 1960s and 1970s. Still cool today. Did you know they have THREE EYES? They are born with one baby eye, grow two adult eyes and as they get older, lose their baby eye. Then they put their eye under the pillow and the eye fairy gives them money while the Sea Monkey sleeps. Actually, the last sentence was made up but the eye lesson is true.

HEXA DRONE

Skeye

This \$45 mini-drone has six blades instead of the usual four and looks totally awesome! Available at the Awesomer Shop:

<http://shop.theawesomer.com/sales/skeye-hexa-drone>

CHEAP PERFUMES/COLOGNES

Bod

Bod is a line of inexpensive scents for men or women. They're really cheap, so just ask for a whole bunch and try them all to find your favorite, or rotate them around to keep them guessing! It's a small investment for something you may love!

SILVER COINAGE

Silver is so undervalued today, and the Federal Reserve is planning to topple the house of cards economy they created, so it's the best insurance policy for economic ruin. They're aesthetically pleasing. 1 oz bullion coins from the U.S. mint are nice, but the Perth Mint and Canada make theirs with more silver! It's the perfect gift for anyone.

That's the list for 2015. Who knows what amazing and wonderful things next year holds? ((L))


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LIBERTORIAN's EXCELLENT CHRISTMAS  
MOVIE NIGHT VIEWING SCHEDULE

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This title's a misnomer; you really
can't watch all these in one night.
But all these movies are on Blu-ray
or DVD, and various streaming sites
like Netflix, or whatever you choose
to use, if any. So turn on your
tube and start watching them all!

1) How The Grinch Stole Christmas

We at LibertORian mean the animated
Chuck Jones production featuring
the voice of Boris Karloff. That
sad little dog, Max, goes through a
lot in it. What adult can resist
singing in their best bass voice,
"You're a mean one, Mr. Grinch!"?
Entertaining in every way, yet the
meaning of Christmas is sneakily in-
serted into the story so you learn
a lesson as well. AVOID THE JIM
CARREY VERSION.

2) A Christmas Carol

Many classic live-action movies are
out there, and they're all excellent
but our personal favorite features
Alec Finney. The songs are memora-
ble. If you prefer another classic
version, enjoy it instead. They're
all good!

3) The Polar Express

One of the newer movies but it has
all the magic of the classics. This
movie is perfect for that tween who
probably lost the magic years ago.
Good animation, touching, and a nice
break from all that samey Pixar
stuff.

4) A Charlie Brown Christmas

This is the Christmas special that
all others are judged against. This
must-see special still shines strong

50 years later. The commentary on
commercialism actually grows more
relevant every time. It's actually
ironic, since Charlez M. Schulz was
heavy into merchandizing his "Pea-
nuts" characters. And who today
would produce a special where one of
the characters stops and tells a
Bible story for A FULL MINUTE? Edgy
stuff by today's standards.

5) Elf

Will Farrell is just so... "Happy"
and you can't resist a smile viewing
his innocent naivete. Remember, he
is NOT an Elf... he's a human raised
by Elves.

6) A Christmas Story

For nostalgia lovers especially. A
Christmas story harkens back to the
real feel of Christmas time for a
boy growing up in the 1940s. You
actually can feel the Christmas
coziness, in between laughs. It's
a very funny film; just the scene
where Ralph is frantically decoding
Little Orphan Annie's message is
worth the price of admission. This
movie, actually, like Frequency and
Napoleon Dynamite, actually saw its
success AFTER its theatrical run.
And now it's a classic, with what is
probably the most classic line in a
Christmas movie, "You'll shoot your
eye out, kid."

7) Santa Claus Conquers the Martians

This atomic horror B-movie may be
far-fetched and cheesy but it's also
plenty of fun and a good movie for
the kids. And there's one really
clever moment in the whole film: the
invading martians realize that the
Earth settlements are above ground
and make easy targets.

8) Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer

This classic Rankin-Bass special is one of my personal favorites. You really feel for Rudolph, especially in the light of the fact that Santa is a real JERK! He says, "Shame on You", to Donner just for trying to let Rudolph fit in with all of the other reindeer. What? He's got to be an outcast because his nose is different from everyone else's? So what kind of message are you teaching people, Santa? It makes me even more sympathetic to all those misfit toys, which I wanted to adopt for my own each Christmas!

9) Yes, Virginia, There Is a Santa Claus (#1)

This one is a traditionally-animated cartoon reminiscent of "The Peanuts".

10) Yes, Virginia There Is a Santa Claus (#2)

This one is CGI and features the voice of Neil Patrick Harris.

11) National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation

Oh, those crazy Griswalds! And their iconic camper! I live for the moment when the Christmas bonus comes every year, and it's jars of jelly! I know someone who quotes every line from the movie as it happens. Really annoying to watch with him.

12) White Christmas

A lot of Christmas movies are musicals or feature music, but how many feature *NAZIS* and cross-dressing antics to evade them? And that's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown.

13) George And The Christmas Star

A delightfully-animated Canadian cartoon. This one's harder to locate, but go check YouTube and

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you should be able to find it. I always liked the scene where George builds a rocket. Canadian cartoons rock!

14) Scrooged!

Everyone likes Bill Murray (unless he discusses politics or decides to make his own "serious" movies), and this twist on Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" is one of his all-time best performances. I love the one ghost who keeps hitting Scrooge on the head.

15) The Trolls and the Christmas Express

Originally a Showtime or HBO special (as if they're not essentially the same channel). This one is also an obscure one that you'll have to turn to YouTube to watch. Trolls try to devise plans to foil Christmas, and they finally do, but you never know why until they succeed, and then you are treated to a surprise, "trick" ending!

16) The Christmas Twist

Here's a secret for you guys: women *love* those Hallmark romantic theme Christmas movies. If you want to make your girl happy, take the time to watch one with her. "The Christmas Twist" is an intentional parody of these types of movies, and the acting is intentionally bad. It's about a woman who opens a pretzel-shaped cookie shop: you know, the kind of sugar cookie you get along with other types in the round tins at Christmas time- because it was the dream of a dying man she ran over. Find it on YouTube or a Blaze search (<http://theblaze.com>)

17) Eight Crazy Nights

This is a hand-drawn animation with Adam Sandler. Actually, since his character looks like Adam Sandler, I wonder why it was animated in the first place. It's essentially a Hannukah-themed "Scrooge" type story

of character development. The real star of the movie is "The Channukah Song 3.0", which Sandler wrote.

18) Frosty The Snowman

Rankin-Bass animation rocked it all: their stop motion features were all imaginative & just plain rocked, but they also made great hand animation, including this holiday special. It is based on the classic Christmas song. And what child or adult can't watch Frosty melt away without being reduced to a blubbery mess? There is a sequel, "Frosty Returns" which can't hold a candle to this one. It is to the original as the Jim Carrey Grinch is to the original animated version.

19) Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Another Rankin-Bass special, this one explains all the traditions that are associated with Santa, including the origin of his beard, his suit (actually, in real life, Santa's suit is red because it was given to him in an ad by the Coca-Cola company). And his arch enemy is a dictator named Burger Meister Meister Burger, who has to be German.

20) The Year Without a Santa Claus

While we're talking about the Rankin Bass Specials, every list must include this one, if only for two of the greatest characters ever to take stage on the TV screen: Heat Meiser and Cold miser, and their minions, who are identical looking tiny versions of them.

21) A Miser Brothers' Christmas

Arthur Rankin and Jules Bass (yes, someone here at LibertORian is THAT nerdy that the knows their full names) [note from Synonymous 2: it was Synonymous 1] knew that they HAD to give these two their own billing, after the unexpected but inevitable success of these two mega stars!

22) The Little Drummer Boy

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Another magical Rankin-Bass special.

23) Rudolph's Shiny New Year

Another magical Rankin-Bass special.

24) The Toy that Saved Christmas

The VeggieTales is a Christian-themed franchise which always teaches a Biblical message in an entertaining way. It's a great series for children, but so much of the humor is geared to adults, I think they get the real enjoyment of this series. And don't let the religious theme deceive you into thinking that the production values are low. They are as high (and sometimes higher) than anything else out there. "The Toy That Saved Christmas" is one of at least three Veggie Tales specials expressing the true meaning of the holiday.

25) Mr. Magoo's A Christmas Carol

You can really get Scrooged to death watching so many renditions of "A Christmas Carol". It's like listening to a "Peter and the Wolf" marathon. But this version, featuring the beloved, nearsighted character voiced by the late Jim Bakus, is a must watch. It's got some of the best songs in a Christmas special, and is unique in "A Christmas Carol" iterations in that it has the vision impairment humor idiomatic to Mr. Magoo's TV series.

I can't believe that we came up with 25 so quickly! Some submissions are from you, but I love them all. This equals one special for every day of December until Christmas. Here are more titles if you can't get enough:

- The Santa Clause 1 & 2
- Elf (animated Jim Parsons special)
- The Christmas That Almost Wasn't
- VeggieTales: The Star of Christmas
- It's a Wonderful Life (MUST WATCH)
- The Snowman (animated)
- Red Skeleton Christmas Special
- VeggieTales: Its a Meaningful life
- The Nativity Story ((L))

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===== (BY SYNONYMOUS 1) =====

Kwanzaa is a made-up holiday. You will probably say, "All holidays are made up; they're not found in nature." Okay, Dr. Sheldon Cooper. I get it. But read along this path of discovery, and you'll learn, unless you already know, that Kwanzaa is a holiday without any historical or religious significance, the way all other holidays are. In fact, it is a fake.

The majority of American people, not taught the origins of Kwanzaa, are led to believe that it's an African traditional celebration that just so happens to fall around Christmas. Not surprising; it's an assumption people are intentionally led to believe by omission of facts. And its celebrants will advance the lie outrightly. The official Kwanzaa web site: <http://www.officialkwanzaa-website.org/>

describes the holiday as "an [alleged] African American and Pan-African holiday celebrated by millions throughout the world African community." This is a lie. If you visit an average traditional African town and say, "Happy Kwanzaa", they will look at you, perplexed, and answer, "What are you talking about?" For it is not celebrated traditionally by the African community, although

some of Kwanzaa's customs have been reappropriated from various harvest customs in Africa, allegedly.

Actually, even the customs, as every aspect of this holiday, finds its origin somewhere outside Africa. The name "Kwanzaa", and the names of its seven tenets, are not traditional African words, but Swahili. The word "kwanza" means "first fruits" in Swahili. Its creator added an A after the end for no particular reason.

More on the holiday itself; Kwanzaa isn't best understood without first getting to know its inventor: Ron Everett. That's his real name. He is known as Dr. Maulena Karenga now, and Ron Karenga in 1966, the year he invented the holiday. Confused yet? Karenga is a racist and a Marxist statist who, like the Grinch, hated Christmas. Except, his heart never grew three sizes that day. His hate for white people hardened him to the point that he regarded Christmas as a white person's holiday.

There's a lot to cover in the True History of Kwanzaa, but it's time to stop a minute and reflect on something: Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, whose

birth was in order to, as Christians believe, save ALL OF MANKIND. Jesus didn't come to save the whites only, or some of mankind. He wasn't even a Caucasian himself; He was Hebrew.

Back to Professor Karenga... that's right: he's a professor residing at California State University. When you know more about Karenga, the fact that he teaches college students is yet another example on the pile of proof that college is one of America's biggest rip-offs.

Karenga is your typical 1960s racist black activist. He's a proponent of racial segregation who not only invented a racist holiday, he formed his own Black Panthers style racist organization called United Slaves, or US. Their slogan was, "Anywhere we are, US is." (I hope he's not a professor of English.) The organization was cult-like.

For all Karenga's hatred for white people and Jews, his hatred for the rival racist group the Black Panthers was just as bitter; they were like rival gangs. Karenga was an extremely violent and sadistic person, but for all his racism, all of the violence he inflicted was on black people.

The tensions between Black Panthers and US reached its boiling point when each group wanted its own thug to be the new Afro-American studies center president. The rivals were brought together by the Black Student Union to resolve their differences. The Panthers hurled many verbal personal attacks on Karenga, and after the meeting, two of his followers, the Stiner Brothers, tracked down two Panthers after the meeting and shot them dead. There was a wave of violence between them that followed.

Karenga grew increasingly paranoid, even imagining that his own followers were trying to assassinate him. In June 1970, the founder of Kwanzaa tortured two followers of his

own cult, Gail Davis and Deborah Jones. Jones was high-ranking in the cult, coronated by Karenga as an "African Queen". He accused them of trying to poison his food and water and demanded they hand over the poison. When they didn't (because there was none), he forced the two women to strip naked, whereupon he beat them both with a baton and an electrical cord. They were brutally tortured in various other ways including, but not limited to tightening the toe of one of them in a vice, using a hot soldering iron to burn their face and mouth, and force feeding laundry detergent to them. Happy Kwanzaa!

Karenga served four or five years in prison for his sadistic acts which wouldn't cause #BlackLivesMatter or Planned Parenthood to bat an eye, because only *some* black lives matter, and only *some* misogamy exists (and usually the only misogamy that exists to Planned Parenthood doesn't really exist!) This is the kind of either violations that the statist left wouldn't have a problem with. Karenga would make the KKK either proud or jealous.

In a Kwanzaa miracle, the court's transcripts are somehow gone! The coverage on the trial were limited to three small LA Times blurbs deeply buried.

While in prison for torture, the New York Times wrote a glowing article on his holiday, the first exposure to Kwanzaa that real people got (if you consider New York Times readers real people). This was Christmas Eve, 1971, with Karenga just recently convicted. Not as much as a Kwanzaa miracle than the Times' typical deception, no mention of this was found in the article. But then 16-year-old and already a racist and anti-Semite Al Sharpton glowingly proclaimed how Kwanzaa will rightfully commence the "De-whitizing of Christmas", sharing the folly that Christmas is somehow a "white-only" holiday.

Examining the Kwanzaa traditions, an investigator discovers conflicts between Kwanzaa and the traditions it purports to reflect. For instance, it was intentionally placed the day after Christmas as a way to replace Christmas as an alternative. But when challenged, he said that it is all coincidence; it just happens to fall on the African "first fruits" harvest. The problem with this explanation is that in Africa this occurs in the fall, a few months before Kwanzaa. Even Better Homes and Gardens helpfully omits anything related to the true nature of Kwanzaa; the web site actually asks in its article on Kwanzaa History & Tradition, "Does it replace Christmas?" If you read the article, the question is left unanswered. Maybe the "yes" answer was too inconvenient?

The seven days of Kwanzaa (the last day is New Years' Day) each has a Swahili name. By the way, Swahili wasn't a traditional spoken language in Africa until imperialist times. Some of the days have Marxist or racist undertones, including "Umoja": (racial) unity, "Ujima": collective work and responsibility, and also "Ujamma": co-operative economics.

The Kwanzaa "Menorah", like everything in the holiday, is also stolen from non-African traditions. The real Menorah, of course, is based on Hannukah, a Holy day of historical, cultural and religious significance. In Kwanzaa, however, it is just a stolen tradition that means nothing other than counting Kwanzaa's seven days. And, naturally, there is the gift-giving, which is based on the three gifts of the Magi to Christ. Again, any historical or religious context is not existent in Kwanzaa; it's just another thing stolen from a holiday it was created to replace.

It was designed to replace Christmas but it's celebrated by few. Only 2 million Americans celebrated it at its peak, and Americans are the majority of its practitioners. Professor Karenga claims an unverified

statistic that 28 million people practice Kwanzaa, though there's as much real statistical information to his claim as there is that he was being dive-bombed in his cell- one of his many delusions.

None of the history of Kwanzaa is authentic. Even the corn exchange on the first day is supposed to be a Mexican maize corn that didn't exist in Africa until Europeans imported it from the Americas.

So there is the history of Kwanzaa. It would make a pretty disturbing Charlie Brown special. To summarize for those just skimming or who like organized summations:

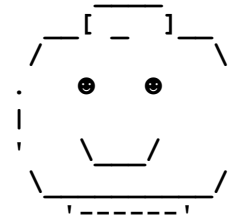
- 1) Kwanzaa has no African historical or religious significance.
- 2) It was invented in America in the year 1966 by a racist, to celebrate the black race.
- 3) Kwanzaa was invented for racist reasons to achieve a racist end.
- 4) All of Kwanzaa's traditions were stolen from somewhere else.
- 5) Kwanzaa is a protest of Christmas although it stole traditions from Christmas and Channukah.
- 6) Its founder is not only a racist, he is anti-Semitic, violent, delusional and Marxist.
- 7) Karenga, Kwanzaa's inventor, was convicted of torturing women. As a form of justice, he now has a High-ranking position at California State University. The university officially refused to answer statements as to why it thinks its students should feel safe in his presence.

LiberTORian and other libertarians don't care if you celebrate a made up racist holiday like Kwanzaa... we just want you to know its actual story. Since the truth about Kwanzaa is intentionally overlooked by most media, and web sites that publish the facts are disappearing, it is important that history be preserved. I'll speak truth to power wherever people try giving it equal footing with real holidays. ((L))

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Since this is our Christmas issue, and since LiberTORian wanted to provide analysis of movies and TV, this article seemed appropriate since its content is about toys, movies, and libertarian themes all at once. The following article kills all three birds with one typewriter.

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!!!!!!!!!!!! SPOILER ALERT !!!!!!!!!!!!!

This article contains revealing descriptions of the plot of *THE LEGO MOVIE*. If you want to see it and not know important plot points beforehand, STOP reading, put LiberTORian away, and go see it, on DVD, streaming services, and Blu-Ray. It's readily available to the world. After viewing, return and read the rest of this article. If you're not interested in watching or don't care about learning the plot, or if you can't resist temptation, you're welcome to read on. As a libertarian, I won't stop you. We'll still save surprises for you, like what is the Kragle and who is the special.

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The Lego Movie is about a Lego minifigure named Emmet, who is the

least creative, least original person in the Lego universe. The story begins when he gets mixed up with those trying to restore the social order. The Lego multiverse is under the tyranny of President Business, the President of the entire world and the Octan fuel corporation. At first glance, one may suspect that this movie is going to be an anti-all businesses, anti-oil company movie. Fox News Channel jumped on this bandwagon, but it's not another Anti-capitalist film aimed at children. In fact, it's just the opposite.

President Business isn't thought of as a businessman as much as a control crazed statist. According to the history of the Lego Multiverse as told by the female Lego Master Builder and rebel Wyldstyle (I had to look up the spelling to ensure accuracy), the Multiverse was once a libertarian society. Everyone was free to build whatever they wanted. President Business was confused by his perception of free building as disorder, so he drafted the greatest Master Builders to design the world for him. Everyone had to build exactly as the instructions the Master Builders created drew up.

It's a model of communism: all work if for the good of the state. There

is no room for individual creativity at all. Entrepreneurship grinds to a standstill and the soul is sucked out of humanity as one's self-worth is tied to her value to the state.

The Master Builders were the privileged class, as they got to design the world, but again, it's only done for the state. The rest of society was to mold the Lego Multiverse into the image President Business saw fit.

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The movie's anti-authoritarian theme is presented early in the movie. As Emmet wakes up to a typical day in Lego City, his universe in the Lego Multiverse, he picks up his list of instructions. These are the rules that all Lego minifigures are to live by. Some mock consumer culture such as "buy overpriced coffee". Others are general rules to achieve conformity without murmuring.

Lenin said, "The quickest and easiest way to undermine a culture is through its music." Look at the Western world today and compare it to its music of the last generation and you'll see how accurate he was. The one song that everyone listens to in *The Lego Movie* ALL THE TIME on the "approved" radio station is, "Everything Is Awesome". In 2014, you couldn't escape this song. When I heard it, my family didn't see the movie yet, but already I thought, "I bet that, judging by these lyrics, this is a propaganda song in the movie." And it was. The meaning behind the chorus is apparent:

♪ Everything is awesome ♪
♪ Everything is cool when you're part of a team ♪
♪ Everything is awesome ♪
♪ When you're living our dream ♪

"Our" refers to President Business and his bureaucratic authority. He even has "micromanagers" working for him: Black AT-ST-looking constructs

which restore to order anything that deviates from the instructions. The Micromanagers also capture Master Builders.

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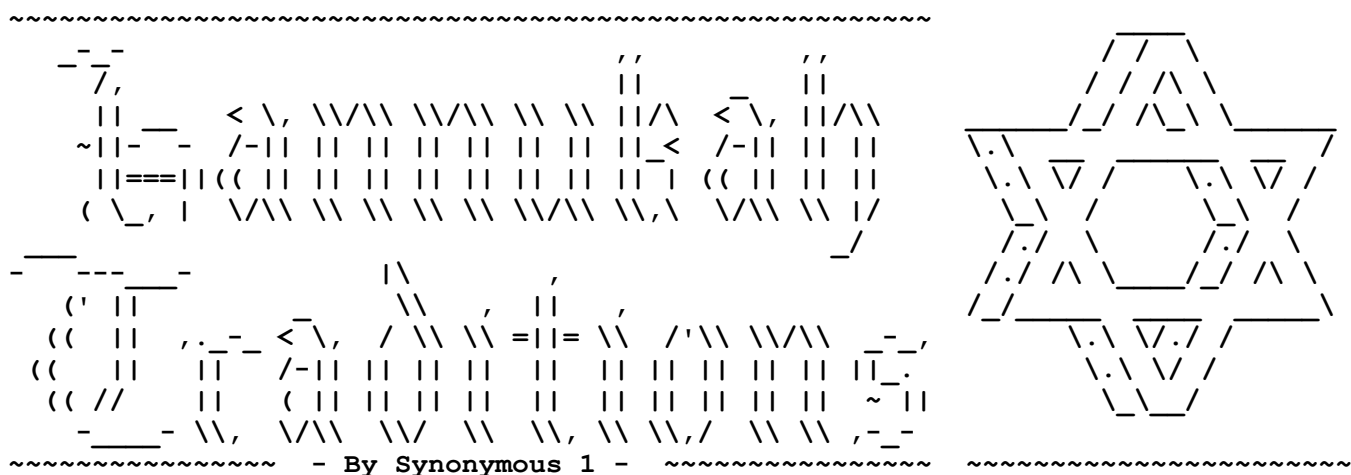
Just to let you know, this movie is also very hilarious. The humor is clean, but written at a very adult level. If you enjoy such adult animation such as *Regular Show*, you will enjoy this. There is plenty of pop culture humor, but done in such a way that it doesn't date itself so quickly. It's also not obnoxious like in *Alladin* or other Disney or Dreamworks animations. You won't feel treated like a child.

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A live action sequence occurs toward the end of the movie, and we learn that the entire plot of the movie is the child playing out the adventure. The child's father is played by Will Farrell. Just a bonus. Just like President Business, he becomes frustrated when the child takes apart his sets and rebuilds them into very imaginative creations. The father cannot see the originality of his work; mirroring the conflict Emmet is playing out. The story becomes very allegorical from here on as the viewer connects the parallels in all the events thus far. It's as rewarding as *The Sixth Sense* with a lot more rewatchability, as you find all the connections in all the plot subtleties the next time around.

There's social satire. One Universe called Cloud CuukooLand is a colorful anarchist haven where negativity is forbidden. Its curator Unikitty unleashes a barrage of restrictions. Wyldstyle replies, "you said, 'no', like 100 times."

That's it, and it's not preachy! In summary, The Lego Movie: satirical, pro-creativity, anti-statist, go and see it! You won't be let down. ((L))



* WHAT IS HANNUKAH?

Hannukah (also spelled Channukah) is "The Festival of Lights." Hannukah is actually a minor holiday in the Jewish tradition, but prominence for it has grown as it's in the Christmas shopping season and the exchange of gifts is involved.

Hannukah's originates during the rule of Antiochus IV, who began to oppress the Jewish people. Two factions united to overthrow Antiochus and the Greeks: the Chasidim and a group under Judah Maccabee and his father. The Jews wanted to rededicate their temple by concentrating it with oil, but only enough oil was required to light the menorah (with only one candle) for one night. Through a miracle, the one day supply lasted eight nights, long enough to produce a new supply and so it was the first Hannukah.

Every year since then, the Jewish people commemorated the miracle. This year, Hannukah begins on December 7th and lasts until the 14th of December. Like all Jewish holidays, Hannukah begins at sundown of the night before the holiday, so the festivities begin at sundown on Sunday, the 6th, 2015. Next year, it begins on Christmas eve and runs until New Year's Day,

* HANNUKAH TRADITIONS:

1) Light Hannukah candles.

The Menorah now has nine candles, with a "Shammus" candle in the middle. Celebrants light this candle then use it to light one candle for each night so far, beginning on the right side. A Hebrew prayer accompanies the lighting of each candle. The candles must burn on their own for at least 1/2 hour after sunset. On Shabbot (Sabbath), candles may not be blown out, and so must be able to burn 1/2 hour on their own before they self-extinguish, or not be lit at all.

2) There is no 2.

Although there are no other rituals that go with Hannukah, gift-giving, the dreidel, and music and food are also associated with the holiday.

* HANNUKAH FOOD

What else is oil used for? Frying food! And so fried food is part of the Hannukah feast, to celebrate oil in every way! And the ultimate of these fried foods: latkes, or to the Gentiles, potato panackes. highly recommended. to eat them makes you want to be Jewish! You can find all kinds of traditional latke recipes on clearnet.

Dairy foods like Blintzes and cheese cake are popular, harkening back to the story of Judith, who used cheese

* HANNUKAH COLORS

The Hannukah colors are blue and white, the colors of the Israeli flag.

* HANNUKAH GAMES

The dreidel: This beloved game of chance is popular with children and adults alike. It's fairly simple to play. A dreidel is like a die with four sides. The fifth side is a handle and the sixth side is a point to spin upon. It's described better as a top with four sides.

The dreidel game is a very simple gambling game. Although it's very innocent, don't let statisticians know if you're gambling, or they'll shut the game down and put you under arrest.

Everyone starts a game of dreidel with about a dozen quarters each, or in this economy, pennies, or M & Ms each. After one unit is donated by each player into the "pot", players take turns spinning the dreidel and take an action based on whichever Hebrew letter face it lands upon:

- o nun: Do nothing.
- o gimmel: Take all in the pot!
(everyone then donates one unit to the pot and play begins anew)
- o hey: Take half the pot, rounded down to the nearest integer.
- o shin: put one of your units in the pot.

See the drawings on the previous page to see the Hebrew symbols.

The company *Elf Magic* produces a plush series called "Hannukah helpers" which help children celebrate the traditions. And in reaction to "The Elf on the Shelf, is *The Mensch on the Bench*.

MODERN HANNUKAH CUSTOMS

And, of course, there is the gift-giving: a gift for each day! The traditional gift is gelt, coins

wrapped in gold foil. Children and adults both love this traditional gift. Naturally, children receive the same kinds of gifts that their Gentile friends receive on Christmas. The gift-giving is a more modern addition to Hannukah, and was done so because of its proximity to Christmas, and to let the children anticipate the holiday in a similar way that Children do at Christmas.

HANNUKAH MUSIC

It's nearly as diverse as Christmas music. Here are some standards:

- o Who Can Retell? Often very loosely translated from its original Yiddish
- o Hannukah, Oh, Hannukah: sings more about the commercial aspects of Hannukah and the non-religious traditions
- o Rocky Fortress: Scripturally based song.

The novelty music:

- o "Hannukah Rocks" by Gefelte Joe and the Fish. I consider it the greatest Hannukah song ever!
- o Hannukah Homeboy by Doc Moe She
- o The Hannukah Song by Adam Sandler
- o Maccabeats: A Jewish a cappella group.

And that's that Hannukah's all about Charlie Brown. And how can I conclude without the latke recipe?

- o 4 potatoes
- o 1 onion
- o 2 eggs
- o up to 4 oz matza flour
- o 1 tsp. baking powder
- o salt/pepper to your taste
- o vegetable oil (of course)

Shred potatoes. Dice Onion. remove excess moisture. Put in bowl. Add eggs. Mix. Gradually add matza until soft like Play-Doh. Add baking powder, salt & pepper. Flatten by hand into 12 patties. Fry in oil, flipping when underside is lightly brown. Drain on towels. Enjoy. Makes 12. Happy Hannukah! ((L))

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## AWESOME CHRISTMAS MUSIC PARTS 1 & 2!

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What better way to evoke the Christmas spirit than with music? This article will be in two parts: Part 1 will feature all-around good Christmas music, and in part 2 we'll delve into Christmas novelty tunes.

In the early days of records, when a popular song was written, the song, not the artist, became the hit. A popular song would be recorded and records pressed by different artists and several versions would be available, often by competing labels. In modern society, this isn't usually the case. A song is usually written with a particular artist in mind, so the listener associates the artist with the hit. When someone says, "Oops! I Did It Again", immediately Britney Spears comes to mind.

Not so with Christmas music. They are considered "standards", and many versions of the same song may exist, just like in the early days of vinyl records. So you may be Christmas shopping, hear "Santa Baby" begin to play, and you expect Eartha Kitt, but to your disappointment, when the vocals begin, you get Madonna.

LibertORian wants to begin part 1 with a guide to the "good" versions of our Christmas favorites, so you can seek out the best artist without being disappointed. These are the versions that you WANT to hear. At the first note, you recognize it and say, "Yes!" The definitive (even if not the original) iconic version!

- o A Holly Jolly Christmas
Burl Ives

- o All I Want For Christmas Is You
Mariah Carey

- o Baby's First Christmas
Connie Francis

- o Blue Christmas
Elvis Presley

- o The Chipmunk Song
David Seville/ Alvin and The Chipmunks

- o The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire)
Nat King Cole (either version)

- o Do You Hear What I Hear?
Bing Crosby

- o Feliz Navidad
José Feliciano

- o Frosty The Snowman
Gene Autry

- o Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas
Judy Garland

- o Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Nat King Cole

- o I'll Be Home For Christmas
Bing Crosby

- o I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus
Jimmy Boyd

- o It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas
Perry Como and The Fountaine Singers

- o It's Not The Presents Under The Tree (It's Your Presence Right Here Next To Me) (Don't know how they fit all that on the label)
Eva Cassidy

- o It's The most Wonderful Time Of The Year
Andy Williams

- o Jingle Bell Rock
Bobby Helms

- o Jingle Bells
Perry Como

- o Last Christmas
Wham!

- o The Little Drummer Boy
Harry Simone Chorale & Orchestra
- o Little Saint Nick
Beach Boys
- o Merry Christmas, Baby
Charles Brown
- o Must Be Santa
Mitch Miller & His Orchestra
- o No More Toymakers To The King
Paul Frees
- o O Tannenbaum (instrumental)
Vince Guaraldi
- o Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree
Brenda Lee
- o Run Rudolph Run
Chuck Berry
- o Santa Baby
Eartha Kitt with Henri Rene and his
Orchestra
- o Sleigh Ride (vocal)
Johnny Mathis
- o We Need A Little Christmas
Angela Lansbury, Frankie Michaels,
Jane Cornell, Sab Shimono
- o What Christmas Means To Me
Stevie Wonder
- o White Christmas
Bing Crosby
- o You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch
Boris Karloff

This isn't a complete list, naturally, but maybe more next year! It is a good start, and if you collect this all into a single playlist, you should have enough to last you for an entire Christmas party. If you put it on repeat, by the time everyone is drunk, you won't even notice you're listening to the same songs again!

The next list is not the definitive list, but the versions of these

standards are worthy renditions of favorites; some are alternate "definitive" versions in their own right.

- o The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire)
Boots Randolph (instrumental)
- o Deck The Halls
Mannheim Steamroller (instrumental)
- o Do You Hear What I Hear?
Andy Williams
- o Frosty The Snowman
Jimmy Durante
- o Joy To The World
Whitney Houston
- o Last Christmas
Taylor Swift
- o Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow
Jessica Simpson
- o Little Drummer Boy
Mannheim Steamroller (instrumental)
- o Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer
Gene Autry
- o Silent Night, Holy Night
-Dina Washington
-John Darnell Orchestra (instrumental)
-Mannheim Steamroller (instrumental)
- o Silver Bells
Earl Grant
- o White Christmas
Drifters
- o Winter Wonderland
-Tony Bennett
-Aretha Franklin
- o You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch
Carnival Of Shame

(article continues...)

And a late entry...

- o Baby, It's Cold Outside
Lady Gaga and Tony Bennett

Then there are butcherings of the cherished classic Christmas songs that you wish you could unhear. The singers of these versions should be put on trial for Grinchiness:

- o Jingle Bells
Barbra Streisand
- o Santa Baby
Ashley 1st

As a libertarian, I respect your freedom to listen, but you're ultimately responsible to the damage to your ears.

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AND NOW FOR PART 2

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There are lots of novelty Christmas songs. Some are classics and have risen to standard status.

- o The Twelve Gifts of Christmas
Allan Sherman
- o The Twelve Days of Christmas
Bob & Doug McKenzie (w/ Getty Lee)
- o The Twelve Pains of Christmas
Bob & Tom Band
- o Can't Wish You a Merry Christmas
o (and many other songs)
Capitol Steps
- o Santa Claus and His Old Lady
Cheech & Chong
- o Rusty Chevrolet
Da Yoopers
- o Christmas Is Coming Twice This Year
- o Gridlock Christmas
The Hollytones

- o A Terrorist Christmas
James & King
 - o Porky Pig singe Blue Christmas
John-Boy and Billy
 - o Careless Santa
Mono Puff
 - o Santa Claus Is Watching You
Ray Stevens
 - o Xmas At K-Mart
Root Boy Slim & The Sex Change Band
 - o All I want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth
 - o Happy New Year
 - o My Birthday Falls on Christmas
 - o Winter
Spike Jones & His City Slickers
 - o Christmas Dragnet
 - o Green Chri\$tma\$
 - o Nuttin; For Christmas
Stan Freberg
 - o Santa's Beard
They Might Be Giants
 - o A Christmas Song
Tom Lehrer
 - o Christmas Wrapping
The Waitresses
 - o Shouldn't Have Given Him a Gun For Christmas
Wall of Voodoo
 - o Christmas At Ground Zero
"Weird Al" Yankovic
- Finally, avoid these songs at all costs:
- o Dominick The Donkey
 - o Simply Having A Wonderful Christmas Time
 - o Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer
 - o I Want a Hippopotamus For Christmas
 - o I Still Believe in Father Christmas
 - o Jingle My Bells by Strip Mind
 - o The Christmas Shoes (L)

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JARGON-FILLED NIGHT BEFORE
CHRISTMAS

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policemen will love! Unsure of the
time it was written, but no later
than 2000. In its original text, as
as is, including misspellings!

Here's one rendition of "'Twas The
Night Before Christmas" that all the

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TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Twas the nocturnal segment of the diurnal period preceding the annual yuletide celebration. And throughout our place of residence, kinetic activity was not in evidence among the possessors of this potential, including that species of domestic rodent known as mus musculus. Hosiery was meticulously suspended from the forward edge of the wood-burning caloric apparatus, pursuant to our anticipatory pleasure regarding an eminent visitation from an eccentric philanthropist among whose folkloric appellations is the honorific title of St. Nicholas.

The prepubescent siblings, comfortably ensconced in their respective accommodations of repose, were experiencing subconscious visual hallucinations of variegated fruit confections moving rhythmically through their cerebrums. My conjugal partner and I, attired in our nocturnal head coverings, were about to take slumberous advantage of the hibernal darkness when upon the avenaceous exterior portion of the grounds there ascended such a cacophony of dissonance that I felt compelled to arise with alacrity from my place of repose for the purpose of ascertaining the precise source thereof.

Fastening to the casement, I forthwith opened the barriers sealing this fenestration, noting thereupon that the lunar brilliance without, reflected as it was on the surface of a recent crystalline precipitation, might be said to rival that of the solar meridian itself; thus permitting my incredulous optical sensory organs to behold a miniature airborne runnered conveyance drawn by eight diminutive specimens of the genus ragifer. Piloted by a minuscule aged chauffeur so ebullient and nimble that it became instantly apparent to me that he was indeed our anticipated caller. With his ungulate motive power traveling at what may have been more vertiginous velocity than patriotic predators, he vociferated loudly, exhaled breath musically through labial sounds, and addressed each of the octet by his or her respected cognomen; Now Dasher, now Dancer, et al. Guiding them to the uppermost exterior level of our abode, through which structured could readily distinguish the concatenations of each of the 32 cloven pedal extremities.

As I retracted my cranium from its erstwhile location, and was performing a 180-degree pivot, our distinguished visitant achieved,

with utmost celerity in animal pelts soiled by the ebon residue from oxidations of carbonifbrous fuels which had accumulated on the walls thereof. His resemblance to a street vendor I attributed largely to the planthora of assorted playthings which he bore dorsally in a commodious cloth receptacle.

His orbs were scintillant with reflected luminosity, while his submaxillary dermal indentations gave every evidence of exgaging amiability. The capillaries of his molar regions and nasal appurtenance were engorged with blood which suffused the subcutaneous layers, the former approximating the coloration of Albion's floral embelem, the latter that of the Prunus avium, or sweet cherry. His amusing sub- and super- alabials resembled nothing so much as a common loop knot, and their amdent hirsute facial adornment appeared like small, tabular and columnar crystals of frozen water.

Clenched firmly between his incisors was a smokingpiece whose gray fumes, forming a tenuous ellipse about his occiput, were suggestive of a decorative seasonal circlet of holly. His visage was wider than it was high, and when he waxed audibly mirthful, his corpulent abdominal region undulated in the manner of impectinated fruit syrup in a hemisphrical container. He was, in short, neither more nor less than an obese, jocund, multigenarian gnome, the optical perception of whom rendered me visible frolicsome despite every effort to refrain from so being. By rapidly lowering and then elevating one eyelid and rotating his head slightly to one side he indicated that trepidation on my part was groundless.

Without utterance and with dispatch, he commenced filling the aforementioned hosiery with various of the aforementioned articles of merchandise extracted from his aforementioned previously dorsally transported cloth receptacle. Upon completion of his task, he executed an abrupt aboutface, placed a singular manual digit in lateral juxtaposition to his olfactory organ, inclined his cranium forward in a gesture of leave taking, and forthwith effected his egress by renegotiating (in reverse) the smoke passage. He then propelled himself in a short vector onto his conveyance, directed a musical expulsion of air through his contracted oral sphincter to the antlered quadrupeds among the seed-bearing portions of a common weed. But I overheard his parting exclamation, audible immediately prior to his vehiculation beyond the limits of visibility:

ESTATIC YULETIDE TO THE PLANETARY CONSTITUENCY, AND TO THAT SELFSAME ASSEMBLAGE, MY SINCEREST WISHES FOR A SALUBRIOUSLY BENEFICIAL AND GRATIFYINGLY PLEASURABLE PERIOD BETWEEN SUNSET AND DAWN.

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Classic Text File of the Day
BONUS FILE

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Here's a gift for everyone, since it is Christmas, after all. A second fclassic .txt file of the day. Another politicially correct retelling

of the same famous story. This one doesn't have such a bad ending for a politically-correct story. In its original 72 columns glory! Enjoy!

A POLITICALLY CORRECT CHRISTMAS

'Twas the night before Christmas and Santa's a wreck...
How to live in a world that's politically correct?
His workers no longer would answer to "Elves",
"Vertically Challenged" they were calling themselves.

And labor conditions at the north pole
Were alleged by the union to stifle the soul.
Four reindeer had vanished, without much propriety,
Released to the wilds by the Humane Society.

And equal employment had made it quite clear
That Santa had better not use just reindeer.
So Dancer and Donner, Comet and Cupid,
Were replaced with 4 pigs, and you know that looked stupid!

The runners had been removed from his sleigh;
The ruts were termed dangerous by the E.P.A.
And people had started to call for the cops
When they heard sled noises on their roof-tops.

Second-hand smoke from his pipe had his workers quite frightened.
His fur trimmed red suit was called "Unenlightened."
And to show you the strangeness of life's ebbs and flows,
Rudolf was suing over unauthorized use of his nose

And had gone on Geraldo, in front of the nation,
Demanding millions in over-due compensation.
So, half of the reindeer were gone; and his wife,
Who suddenly said she'd enough of this life,

Joined a self-help group, packed, and left in a whiz,
Demanding from now on her title was Ms.
And as for the gifts, why, he'd ne'er had a notion
That making a choice could cause so much commotion.

Nothing of leather, nothing of fur,
Which meant nothing for him. And nothing for her.
Nothing that might be construed to pollute.
Nothing to aim. Nothing to shoot.

Nothing that clamored or made lots of noise.
Nothing for just girls. Or just for the boys.
Nothing that claimed to be gender specific.
Nothing that's warlike or non-pacific.

No candy or sweets...they were bad for the tooth.
Nothing that seemed to embellish a truth.
And fairy tales, while not yet forbidden,
Were like Ken and Barbie, better off hidden.

For they raised the hackles of those psychological
Who claimed the only good gift was one ecological.
No baseball, no football...someone could get hurt;
Besides, playing sports exposed kids to dirt.

Dolls were said to be sexist, and should be passe;
And Nintendo would rot your entire brain away.
So Santa just stood there, disheveled, perplexed;
He just could not figure out what to do next.

He tried to be merry, tried to be gay,
But you've got to be careful with that word today.
His sack was quite empty, limp to the ground;
Nothing fully acceptable was to be found.

Something special was needed, a gift that he might
Give to all without angering the left or the right.
A gift that would satisfy, with no indecision,
Each group of people, every religion;

Every ethnicity, every hue,
Everyone, everywhere...even you.
So here is that gift, it's price beyond worth...
"May you and your loved ones enjoy peace on earth."

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During his campaign, Donald Trump suggested that all Muslims register on a federal government database so they could be tracked and monitored during a terrorist attack or active terrorist threat.

What the #\$%^ is this?!! Have you ever heard of the First Amendment? People have freedom of religion, and the government has no right to track or in any way intimidate everybody of a certain faith.

Freedom of religion is supposed to defend *ALL* religions, not just the popular ones, unless the entire religion is dedicated to harming others. Every Muslim isn't a member of ISIS. Islam is a religion, but Islamic terrorism is religious AND political in nature.

We must combat terrorism, but let's not repeat statist measures that lead to FDR's concentration camps for all Japanese. ((L))

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Myths that liberals believe, #12

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MYTH #12: There were no Muslims cheering in the streets of New Jersey on 9/11.

FALSE. Donald Trump made the claim that on 9/11, he saw tens of thousands of Muslims cheering in the streets. This is not true. That's only because he exaggerated the number. But there WAS a cheering group of Muslims in NJ.

The media itself exaggerates numbers like a 1990 pro-life rally in DC. It drew half a million but CNN reported 60000. CNN never faces consequences.

The media, whose motto is, "If we didn't print it, it never happened", didn't find the event after reviewing their archives. However, an enemy of the mainstream media, *The Washington Times*, did report it, and and video was discovered to exist. MSM backtracked, saying, "sure, it wasn't tens of thousands, but Trump was half-wrong too!" ((L))

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HARD COPY: CHRISTMAS EDITION

- By Synonymous 1 -

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THE WAR ON CHRISTMAS

by JOHN GIBSON

John Gibson was a Fox News reporter. Ten years ago he wrote this book. 2005 was the year when the War on Christmas really took off. The ACLU and Freedom From Religion Foundation (what a twisted corruption of the First Amendment) have been fighting public displays of Christmas. The public school system is busy banning free Christmas speech. But in 2005, it really started taking off in the private sector. The word *Christmas* was being sanitized from advertising. Wal*Mart began it, faced backlash, and the next year restored the name of the holiday that made all their money.

As a libertarian, I don't care what a business does, but people have the right to exercise free speech and call them out if they want to.

John Gibson's book is more relevant than ever this year. For the first time ever, a President (Obama) and his State Department have stomped on free speech by BANNING CHRISTMAS CARDS TO OUR SOLDIERS FIGHTING OVERSEAS. Our soldiers sacrificing enough already to keep everyone else free. And the reason they must all suffer: so Muslims don't get offended!

I'm offended at this criminal intrusion on two First Amendment rights: freedom of religion and freedom of speech! Obama's a bigot. The War on Christmas is real and it can be fought. John Gibson's book tells you how. And why shouldn't you fight for Christmas? Who knows what will be the next decent beloved American thing the looney statist will try to eradicate?

THE CHRISTMAS SWEATER

THE CHRISTMAS SWEATER (illustrated children's book)

THE IMMORTAL NICHOLAS

by GLENN BECK

People have been taught to hate Glenn Beck. Most of those who do never listened to the program. You may be surprised to find that he is a decent human being. Doing my homework, I found that most of the awful things I heard about him were lies from statists. As it turned out, to my surprise, he is very libertarian, not at all the angry conservative he's made out to be by people who also probably never actually listen to him.

Glenn also is an active reader and writer, including Christmas books. *The Christmas Sweater* is based on a true story in his own childhood. It's filled with tragedy and emotion but ultimately is a story of true love. *The Christmas Sweater* was rewritten as a picture book for children the next year.

Re-tellings of classic stories are all the rage. Think of the Broadway musical "Wicked", which offers the backstory of the Wicked Witch of the West, and all of this type of story it inspired. Glenn Beck's "The Immortal Nicholas" does the same to Santa Claus.

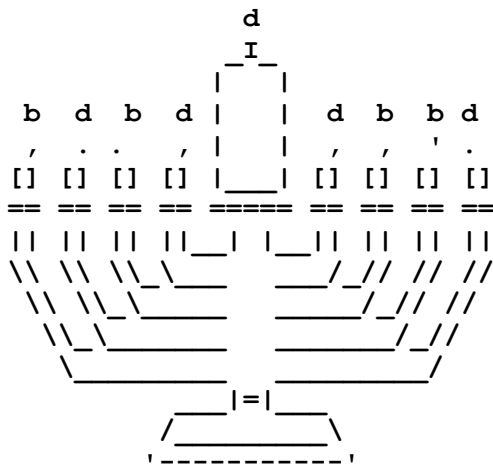
The Immortal Nicholas explains his longevity, but completely reinvents the character. Who knew the Jolly Red One was such a rugged no-nonsense fighting machine? You also learn historical knowledge along the way, like why frankincense is so rare! This story is raw, edgy, and yet touching all at once! So enjoy these titles; they make for great Christmas reading! ((L))

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How are we doing with our logos, art and all the little blandishments designed to make each issue of LiberTORian a bit more pleasant to view? We've been constructing plenty more of our own logos for featured articles. The Kwanzaa logo and The Lego Movie logo were in-house productions as was much of the Christmas art. A lot of it is noodling around, just trying to create ASCII art to see if any of it looks decent. We'll leave it for you to judge.



Here's our attempt at a Menorah.

As I said earlier, things are moving so quickly. What a time to stop to make a Christmas issue. Evil is on the march and doesn't take holidays. There was Paris, and now there is an incident in LA which you will know all about by the time you read this. Within minutes of the shooting, the bodies of 14 murdered people in L.A. are LITERALLY STILL WARM, and Martin O'Malley publicly blames the NRA! Remain vigilant, but "Keep Calm and Carry On". Evil will always be on us, but God triumphs in the end. If you're an atheist, don't worry, either. The universe regulates itself in the end.

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I'm not saying this sarcastically. Evil loses in the end, even if it takes a time scale too large for our scope. Statists think of the long run; it took them 100 years to turn America into the wreck that it now finds itself in. Most of us think about one year in the future. That demonstrates persistence. Most of us don't live to be 100, but the universe will exist 10000 years from now, 1 million years from now, etc. And insignificant as we may seem on a three-dimensional scale, there is something special about you, me, the members of ISIS, and everyone. Each individual life is unique and has a purpose. It's up to you to do that. We each must figure out what that is but I know one thing for sure: it's not to wear full body armor and go into an assisted living facility in San Bernardino, California, where chartiible people help the infermed aged, who are among the weakest among us, except the unborn. Other than evil terrorists or Planned Parenthood, who attacks people this innocent, this defenseless?

When you put this and each issue of LiberTORian down, go out and serve your fellow man. Not just at Channukah and Christmas- all year around.

A little homework: terrorism will be a critical topic of 2016. LiberTORian isn't enough. Until we meet again, find and listen to Walid Phares at GPI Policy Institute at:

- <http://walidphares.com>

Pay attention to what he says. Keep up with him daily. Verify his info.

Have a Happy Hannukah, Merry Christmas, and happy New Year. I think next year will bring great tidings.

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